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The salient points made by Mr. YANG Chün-ming (楊浚明) Counsellor, Office of the President of the Republic of China, in a conversation March 7, 1951, with Mr. Armand Vallieres, Attache, and Mr. Robert Rinden, Second Secretary, are summarized below.

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Mr. Yang, a member of the Democratic Socialist Party, considers that within the next few months there may be a coalescence of various Chinese political parties and cliques outside the Kuomintang into a "Third Force" and that Dr. Carson CHANG may be chosen to head this new group. In this connection, he states that Mr. Chang, who is now living at c/o Headmaster Lloyd, Dr. Graham's Home, Kalimpong, West Bengal, India, and has been lecturing throughout India at more than thirty educational institutions, would like to go to the United States to lecture at the University of Washington and to see old friends, including General George MARSHALL. However, the Chinese passport with which Dr. Chang traveled to India has now expired and President CHIANG, Mr. Yang says, will not permit him to have a new passport except for the purpose of coming to Formosa. Declaring that the President has repeatedly urged Dr. Chang to come to Formosa and that he is aware of Dr. Chang's connections with proposed "Third Force" elements, Mr. Yang states that the President is "annoyed" with him and does not want him to travel to the United States. Mr. Yang requested that Dr. Chang's difficulties be brought to the attention of General Marshall for possible solution.

Mr. Yang believes that the creation of a "Third Force" is imperative since he feels that the Kuomintang government of President Chiang, owing to corruption and ineffectiveness, cannot defeat the Chinese Communists. Moreover, he avers, the real place for vanquishing Chinese Communism is the mainland--not Formosa--and accordingly the reaction of the continental Chinese is the vital one. If these people are to rise up and to overthrow their Communist masters, it must be for some more compelling objective than to bring about the return of the Kuomintang under the Gimo.

With respect to the much-talked-of counteroffensive against the Communist-held mainland, he said that such a project cannot be carried out under present conditions; militarily, there are not enough troops and materiel and economically, the island is already

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in too tenuous a position to be able to finance an invasion of the continent. In recent years the Generalissimo, he observes, has had two guiding principles: (1) The conviction that a Third World War was coming and that Nationalist China would thus be essential to the United States, and (2) The belief that he was the one indispensable person in Nationalist China and the one with whom the United States would have to deal.

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